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1. COMMERCIAL ATTACHE POSITION. WE WENT IN ON JULY 10 WITH PER CHANNEL MESSAGE REQUESTING BURGESS' EXTENSION ON TDY STATUS THROUGH AUGUST 10. BURGESS TALKED BY PHONE JULY 7 WITH SUSANNE LOTARSKI ABOUT EXTENSION, AND SHE SEEMS AGREEABLE BUT NEEDS APPROVALS OF MICHELE GEORGE AND ALTON JENKINS. EXPENSE TO EUR/EX WOULD BE MINIMAL: JAY IS OCCUPYING GOVERNMENT QUARTERS AND THEREFORE HALF PER DIEM IS ALL THAT IS REQUIRED. TOTAL SUM WOULD BE LESS THAN ONE THOUSAND FOR THE EXTENSION.

2. COMMERCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED). IN THE LONGER RUN, JAY WILL BE MULLING OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF A LONGER TERM ASSIGNMENT. THE SIX-MONTH IDEA WILL NOT WORK: HE AND MRS. BURGESS HAVE COMMITMENTS THAT WILL NOT PERMIT IT. SUPPOSING THAT THE COMMISSION MEETING TAKES PLACE THIS FALL, HE WOULD BE BACK FOR THAT, AND WE MIGHT CONSIDER HAVING HIM HERE FOR A PERIOD OF WEEKS FOLLOWING THAT. AS REGARDS A TWO YEAR ASSIGNMENT, WE WILL BE DISCUSSING THAT WITH HIM IN GREATER DEPTH. JUST NOW, THAT OPTION DOES NOT LOOK GOOD.

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3. COMMERCIAL POSITION (CONTINUED). IT IS AGAINST THIS BACKGROUND THAT WE WISH TO SUGGEST AN ADDITIONAL OPTION: ASSIGNMENT OF A COMMERCIAL ATTACHE WITHOUT LANGUAGE IN THE LATE SUMMER OR VERY EARLY FALL. NOT KNOWING OF ANY PANEL ACTION ON MCNALLY OR CARTER, AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO ANY THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN SO FAR, THERE IS MERIT IN

HAVING THE ASSIGNMENTS PEOPLE EXAMINE THIS ALTERNATIVE.
THERE ARE TWO REASONS FOR OUR PUTTING THIS FORWARD:
FILLING THE COMMATT SLOT AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE, AND
HEADING OFF A NASTY TURN-OVER OF PERSONNEL IN THE SECTION
NEXT FEBRUARY-MARCH. NICK BURAKOW IS DUE OUT IN MARCH.
LEE IS DUE HOME LEAVE IN MARCH. AND JUDY WOMACK WILL
DEPART FROM THE SECTION MARCH 1. AS THINGS ARE MOVING
THE SECTION WOULD BE IN SHREDS DURING LATE WINTER.
ASSIGNMENT OF A GOOD MAN AS COMMERCIAL ATTACHE ASAP WOULD
TAKE CARE OF MANY WORRIES. HE COULD BE GIVEN LANGUAGE HERE,
AND ASSUMING SOME LATIN-LANGUAGE BACKGROUND AND/OR HIGH
APTITUDE, HE COULD IN SIX MONTHS OF INTENSIVE WORK
(2-4 HOURS PER DAY) REACH AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF PROFICIENCY.

4. SASHA BARNES. NOW THAT I AM BEGINNING TO WORK THE
APPROVALS NEEDED TO GET SASHA UPCOUNTRY TO DRAGUS FOR
FIRST PART OF HER AUGUST 13-SEPTEMBER 1 STAY, FINNISH
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. HAKKANEN HAVE PUT IN FOR EXTENSION
PAST SEPTEMBER 1 TO ALLOW HER AND SON JUHI TO RENEW SMALL-
FORMAT FRIENDSHIP OF PAST. THEY RETURN FROM HOME LEAVE
SEPTEMBER 2, AND INVITE SASHA TO STAY FOR JUST A FEW
DAYS. THEY ARE AWARE OF US SCHOOL OPENING DAY AFTER
LABOR DAY, BUT STILL HOPEFUL. JOE BASSO SAYS EXTENSION
SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM. PLEASE CHECK WITH HARRY AND
ADVISE.

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